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In re Application of: Nain YANG, et al.

Application No.: 10/758,173

Examiner: WILSON, Scott R.

Filed: 01/14/2004

Art Unit: 2826

Confirmation No.: 4822

For: IMPROVING ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PERFORMANCE OF A SILICON STRUCTURE AND EFFICIENT USE OF AREA WITH ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTIVE DEVICE UNDER THE PAD APPROACH AND ADJUSTMENT OF VIA CONFIGURATION THERETO TO CONTROL DRAIN JUNCTION RESISTANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application

☒ Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action for the above identified patent application.
(16 sheets)
Transmitted herewith are 13 sheets of formal drawings.
Other:

2. Applicant is other than a small entity

Extension of Term

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

<u>Extension</u>	<u>Fee</u>
[] one month	\$110.00
[] two months	\$430.00
[] three months	\$980.00
[] four months	\$1,530.00

Fee \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

Fee Calculation

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(for other than a small entity)					
Fee Items	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra Claims	Fee Rate	Total
Total Claims	20	- 20 =		x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	- 3 =		x \$88.00	\$88.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (one or more, first added by this amendment)				\$300.00	\$0.00
Total Fees					\$88.00

PAYMENT OF FEES

5. The full fee due in connection with this communication is provided as follows:
- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.: 23-0085.
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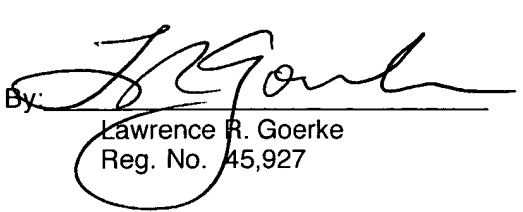
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RESISTANCE)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box No. 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004, please amend the above captioned patent application as follows and consider the following remarks.

The amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this responsive paper.

The Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the Claims, which begins on page 4 of this responsive paper.

The Remarks, with arguments, begin on page 11 of this responsive paper.

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